

March 1, 1923.

Mrs. Jesse Peterson, President,
Woman's Association,

My dear Mrs. Peterson:-

The work which the Woman's Association has been doing so earnestly for a long period of years has come to what seems to me to be a wonderful conclusion. You are about to see your hopes realized in a surpassingly beautiful auditorium which will aid us in our worship of God to a great extent. I can perhaps be the first to thank you and the Association through you for that has been done. You will be thanked again and again I hope, but I want to be among the first.

Having now provided in a material way for our needs, I wonder if you would not talk over with the ladies the possibilities for doing this spring a great piece of HUMAN building. I mean to direct the energies of that very much interested and zealous group which makes up the backbone of your organization along the lines of drawing in all of our people who are rather on the fringe of things.

Your own ingenuity will suggest methods. There are various ways, and I am not much of a stickler for how a thing is done so long as the chief end is gained in a legitimate way. A campaign of calling for acquaintance' sake. Neighborhood meetings of First Presbyterians. A whole afternoon spent at the church each week, for sewing. A committee detailed to aid me in looking after the sick and needy. A studious and persistent effort made to draw some of our folks out of their shells, and made to feel keenly that they are a real and vital part of this church. I feel that we are big enough and active enough to do every sort of thing which will draw the new member, the timid member, the prospective member into warm fellowship with us all individually. Instead of group teas, could not individuals make up for themselves small tea-parties and invite a few known friends and a few of our church ladies who are not so well known.

I can supply an almost endless list of suggestions and give names galore that I should be so happy to see looked up in a personal and friendly way by our active ladies. Trusting that there may be something helpful in this for your conference to-day, I am,

Faithfully yours,

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 5, 1923.

Dear Members of the Men's Class:-

Beginning with the New Year I am asking the members of our Men's Class to help with the Sunday evening ushering. We need four each evening and we are taking the names on the class roll as they come. Because the Elders and Deacons have had charge of the evening ushering all fall, and because the Trustees take it every morning, they will be skipped this time.

The Class formally agreed to my request and I appreciate very greatly your kindness in this matter. Our church would never amount to anything except for the willing service of our people. And the men have much they can do.

Please notice your date and try to be on hand that night by 7:15. Urge the people to sit well forward and try to make everyone welcome by some little act of attention.

Of course it is understood that you may send a substitute in your place, only please be sure he gets here. But I hope you yourself can do this bit for your Church.

Thank you most heartily.

Faithfully yours,

Encl.

Stewart M. Robinson.

March 2, 1923.

My dear Doctor Cramer:-

I feel that you deserve a word of friendly sympathy. Mr. McMahon's death was a shock to us all. I knew him fairly well, and only yesterday joked him about his tonsil operation.

But I know how you must feel.

A man so painstaking and serious as you are is bound to feel very keenly an contingency of this kind. But just because of your conscientiousness, you need not feel excessively depressed because everyone who knows you knows that it was through no failure on your part. If I had any tonsils in me, you could take them out tomorrow.

This is just meant to be a cheerful word for a good man.

Cordially,

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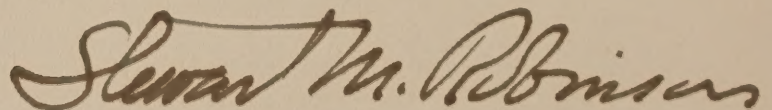
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A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Stewart M. Robinson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, flowing "S" at the beginning and a long, sweeping underline that extends across the width of the signature.

Princeton, Mar. 12th, 1923.

My Dear Mr. Robinson,

It was good to get your kind letter. I am tempted to say right off, that I will come; but there are one or two considerations which cause me to hesitate to fix a definite date just now. The first is that I am booked for the 22nd of April at the North Pres Church N.Y. and am afraid that I could not get away in time to reach you on Monday. The second is connected with the fact that I have been made a member of the Foreign Board, and it is understood that, after April 1st, that body will be obliged to hold many meetings, in order to get things into working order, and I am reminded that they usually meet on Monday afternoons.

After this long introduction, may I ask if some other date will suit you. I very much want to go, and will do so if possible. My wife has a number of engagements about that time, and feels that she had better not undertake any more. Is the best route from here via N.Y. central through Buffalo?

With most cordial regards,

Yours very Sincerely,

J. C. R. Ewing